

Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) program  
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ANNAPOLIS, MD. June 21, 2007 – The Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) program received formal permission to proceed with the User Acceptance Testing phase of the program after a Test Readiness Review (TRR) was successfully completed in the Navy ERP testing lab yesterday. The comprehensive review was chaired by Navy Rear Admiral Tim Flynn, the Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems who ultimately authorized Mr. Ron Rosenthal, Program Manager for Navy ERP, to proceed with UAT.

Admiral Flynn said, “The Navy ERP team's performance at the TRR was truly outstanding, the best I've ever seen. Questions were answered at the grad school level; and I had the feeling that, had anyone chosen to peel the onion back and want to go deeper, the team was ready to provide post-graduate level answers.”

Test Readiness Reviews are a standard part of the Department of Defense regulatory requirements for acquisition programs, and successful completion indicates the Navy ERP program is at the end of the Integrated Systems Testing and ready to move to the final testing of the program before implementation October 1, 2007. User Acceptance Testing, while not expressly found in the acquisition regulation, is an accepted DoD information technology “best practice” and is part of the Navy ERP program plan. The Navy ERP Program is adapting a commercial off-the-shelf ERP



product for use in the Navy, and represents a convergence of the commercial product from SAP Corporation with U.S. Navy and DoD requirements and processes.

Navy ERP is a state-of-the-art management system that interrelates the programs and procedures the Navy uses to manage its money, acquisition programs, people, supplies and maintenance. Employing the Navy ERP system will transform the Navy's warfighter support capabilities.

The User Acceptance Test Readiness Review was attended by representatives of the Navy Systems Commands, the DoD Joint Interoperability Test Command, the Navy Operational Test and Evaluation Force, the Navy's Financial Management Office, all of whom concurred in the PEO EIS determination that the Navy ERP program was prepared to proceed with UAT.

Requirements for entry into the TRR were established with all the organizations concerned prior to yesterday's event, as were the exit criteria which were to be satisfied before the Navy ERP Program Manager could be authorized to proceed.

Program manager Ron Rosenthal said, "The dedication required to take this program from its infancy in our pilot programs to where it is today, three months from going live at NAVAIR, is really amazing, and has been a pleasure to be associated with. Some extremely talented people have joined together in unprecedented ways to bring us to the threshold of what will be among the broadest, most ambitious implementations of an ERP solution yet accomplished anywhere. Anywhere."

Thursday's TRR included presentations on systems engineering, infrastructure, integrated systems testing, mitigation strategies to resolve any unanticipated defects that

could arise, preparation for the upcoming user acceptance testing, and a review of the criteria required to be successfully met for an authorization to proceed.

Implementation of the Navy ERP solution will first go live in the Naval Air Systems Command on October 1, 2007, followed by the Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command on April 1, 2008, the Naval Supply Systems Command October 1, 2008, and the Naval Sea Systems Command October 1, 2009. When fully implemented, the Navy ERP program will serve more than 88,000 users managing acquisition programs, finances, workers, supplies and maintenance across the Navy.

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